Having been in the satellite business for some 20 years we have seen many comings and goings by various entities.

By and far the most important factor that has brought us forward to teh enhanced technology we have today is competition. The desire to produce a better system so the consumer will purchase the product.

If the proposed Directv and Echostar merger is allowd the very fundamental force that brought us to this modern technology will be stifled. 'Competition'

To hand one organization with the track record of prolonged, legitatious Corporation like Echostar is lucidrious. The courts will be tied up for years and in the meantime the consumer will loose.

I wholeheartdly ask that the merger not be approved.

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